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SUBJECT: CSCE: DUTCH CBM PROPOSAL

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE AND USDEL SALT TWO

REF: USNATO 694

1. IN FEBRUARY 18 POLADS MEETING, DUTCH REP (HORAK) RESPONDED TO REQUESTS FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION ON DUTCH CBM (CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES) PROPOSAL MADE BY AMBASSADOR VAN DER VALK AT FEBRUARY 7 NATO CSCE CONSULTATIONS (REFTEL).

2. HORAK EXPLAINED THAT NATO PARAMETERS CURRENTLY CALL FOR NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS INVOLVING 12,000-18,000 TROOPS. THE DUTCH ASSUME THAT ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF EASTERN MANEUVERS OF THIS MAGNITUDE WOULD PERHAPS MEAN HUNDREDS OF NOTIFICATIONS PER YEAR THUS MAKING FOR ALLIES TO WEIGH THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF EACH MANEUVER, DUTCH BELIEVE, THEREFORE, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO CONSIDER NOTIFICATION FO ONLY 5-10 MANEUVERS PER YEAR. THIS COULD MEAN
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INCREASING SIZE OF MANEUVER REQUIRING NOTIFICATION FROM PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED LEVEL TO SAY 40,000-50,000 TROOPS.

3. DUTCH REP SAID EE'S HAD POINTED OUT IN GENEVA THAT CURRENT

NATO-PROPOSED NOTIFICATION PARAMETER WOULD REQUIRE MANY MORE NOTIFICATIONS ON PART OF SIVET/EE(S THAN OF NATO COUNTRIES. SOVIETS MIGHT, THEREFORE, FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT A GROSSLY DISPROPORTIONATE RATION. AS THEY HAD SUGGESTED IN FEBRUARY 7 NAC, DUTCH FELT IT USEFUL FIRST TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF NOTIFICATIONS THAT WOULD BE POLITICALLY USEFUL TO NATO AND THEN DEVELOP PARAMETERS TO FIT THOSE NUMBERS. DUTCH REP HOPED THAT IN THE COURSE OF ITS STUDY ON MANEUVERS, THE IMS COULD ALSO SAY HOW MANY TROOPS ON EACH SIDE WOULD BE INVOLVED FOR A SELECTED NUMBER OF NOTIFICATIONS, SAY FIVE OR SIX, WHICH NATO MIGHT ESTABLISH AS MEETING ITS POLITICAL NEEDS.

4. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR STATUS REPORT IMS REP SAID SHAPE HAS BEEN ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL DATA AND THAT MANEUVERS STUDY WAS CURRENTLY UNDER WAY. STUDY ALREADY REVEALED THAT NATO STAGED FEW MULTI-NATIONAL MANEUVERS INVOLVING 20,000 TROOPS, ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUAL NATO MEMBERS HELD NATIONAL MANEUVERS WITH HIGHER LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION.

5. IN RESPONSE TO TURKISH QUERY ON EXPANSION OF THE IMS STUDY MANDATE, US REP (LEDOGAR) SUGGESTED THAT NO ADDITIONAL WORK WOULD BE REQUIRED SINCE THE IMS PRESENTATION COULD IN GRAPHIC FORM RELATE VARYING NUMBERS OF NOTIFICATIONS TO DIFFERENT NUMBERS OF PARTICIPATING TROOPS.

6. ALLIES AGREED IMS SHOULD EXPAND STUDY TO REVIEW ADDITIONAL DIMENSION OF DUTCH PROPOSAL. DECISION ON HOW AND WHERE NATO CONSULTS FURTHER ON CBM'S COULD BE TAKEN AFTER RECEIPT OF IMS STUDY.

7. WHILE AGREEING WITH STUDY APPROACH FRG REP (CITRON) SUGGESTED THAT A HIGH NUMBER OF NOTIFICATIONS MIGHT NOT NECESSARILY BE HAD SINCE NATO HAD NO INTEREST IN STUDYING EACH MANEUVER BUT ONLY IN BUILDING OVERALL EAST-WEST CONFIDENCE. BRUCE.

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